

**Alexandria Senior Center
Board Meeting
March 8, 2023**

The meeting was called to order by President D. Shea. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance. Present were D. Shea, M. Nitti, D. Benson, T. Tebben, K. Eastlund, D. Dilly, T. Snell, S. Quitmeyer, and C. Barlage. Guests were EmaJean Hanson-Ford, Shelli-Kae Foster, and Carol Strong.

Introduction of Guests: EmaJean Hanson-Ford was introduced as the new Executive Director of Douglas County Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA), our partner in the building ownership. Our building has 21 units, some are subsidized and some are fair market rent. HRA has 79 units throughout the county. Their funding comes from levies in the county and federal funding.

Secretary's Report: The minutes were reviewed and a motion was made by M. Nitti, with a second by K. Eastlund, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: M. Nitti reviewed the treasurer's report. Total cash on February 28, 2023 was \$185,491, total income was \$4,864, total operating expenses for the month were \$10,728, with depreciation of \$715. Net loss for the month was \$8,576.

Memberships continue to increase, the costs of publishing the newsletter have increased, payroll wages and taxes have also increased. Income is always lower the first quarter since there are no significant fundraisers. There was an additional cost of \$250 for the remodeling project in the meeting room. T. Tebben asked what was included in the cost of goods sold, this is everything but the operating expenses. There was discussion around the cost of the newsletter. There continues to be delivery problems and issues with the bulk mailing permit. We are waiting on a quote for an all-black newsletter. D. Dilly asked if there were concerns about the increase in coffee sponsorships, learning that there had been none. K. Eastlund made a motion to approve the treasurer report, second by D. Dilly, motion passed.

Executive Director's report: Shelli-Kae went over her report. The deadline for the April newsletter is March 15th. We currently have 640 active members, with many renewals coming in.

The high school students asked about doing coffee and cards with members, maybe in the spring this could be done. The volunteer appreciation event still needs a chair. Denise cleaned out the janitor closet and had concerns about the cleaning of the floors. We found out that the wrong chemicals were being used on the floor and she asked about the floor machine in the closet. We need to find someone to run it. Many of the programs have been well attended. We have a few new volunteers, which is great. We are still looking for volunteers for maintenance and bingo calling.

Shelli-Kae shared the outcome of several other meetings she has attended. There are upcoming township meetings and a city council work session which we will have a presence at. We did receive the Enhance Alexandria grant for \$46,000 for a part-time assistant and new chairs and tables. We will need to match \$12,000 of this grant. There will be picture taken with the city for the Enhance grant on March 17th. The city has a meeting on March 13th at 4:30 and those that can attend should. The MOU is with the YMCA and they have not returned it signed yet.

Shelli-Kae will be attending the Minnesota Association of Senior Services (MASS) conference March 30 and 31. M. Nitti made a motion to pay for a hotel room for Shelli-Kae so she can network in the evening and not have to drive home. The motion was second by D. Dilly, motion passed. Triad will be held on June 22. Triad is a collaboration between the city police, county sheriff and the senior groups. See Shelli-Kae's report for additional information.

Executive Committee Report: K. Eastlund reported that due to a bad weather day we had not met in February. The next meeting will be March 22 at 9am.

We finally got a picture of the full board for the website and the newsletter.

Old Business:

Change meeting date: We will wait until next meeting to discuss, as K. Eastlund had to leave early and we want her input into a change. Proposed was the 2nd Tuesday of the month, but will wait to discuss.

New Business:

Older American's Month: Sharon Notch representing UCARE will sponsor music on May 7th. She will be bringing treats.

Items from the floor: M. Nitti mentioned that the audit committee has finished their audit, finding no concerns.

M. Nitti also shared a volunteer opportunity that would be intergenerational. Community education is looking for people to read to children at Woodland School. They would feed you lunch and even send Rainbow Rider if you needed a ride. Please call April Larson if this is something you would be interested in doing at 320 762 3305, ext 2. We felt this should also go in the newsletter to the full membership.

Carol Strong and Pauline Semerad would be willing to work on a bake sale held in conjunction with the Spring Luncheon. T. Tebben will take it back to the committee and let her know.

D. Dilly asked if we had talked about a signature fundraiser. The group stated that we had, but had not come up with anything at this point. We felt we may be able to partner with another group on something. The Dr. Lori's Antique show was brought up again as a possible fundraiser. We have the information and maybe should look at it again. The Holiday Tables is such a great fundraiser and could be even bigger if we moved it off site to a bigger location.

Meeting adjourned after M. Nitti made a motion, seconded by C. Barlage, motion passed.

Next meeting is April 12 at 9:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Toni Tebben
Secretary